

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A hand-held image capture and communication appliance and method of using same are provided wherein images may be captured and saved in an internal memory.

The appliance includes a processor for manipulating and exhibiting the images on a

5 built-in display screen. Program code stored in the internal memory and executed by the processor includes a delete page module for purging the memory of captured images when they are no longer needed. The delete page module includes a code segment for displaying an animation, which, in the preferred embodiment, is designed to convey the concept to the user that a delete operation is irreversible. One

10 implementation of the animation shows the deleted page or group of pages turn into ashes, which is a metaphor for the permanence of the delete operation. A confirmation prompt is provided prior to carrying out the delete operation to inform the user how many pages or images will be deleted and what percentage of memory will be freed. In addition, the confirmation prompt allows further consideration by the

15 user before the delete request is fulfilled.